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TAGS: OVIP (VICE PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED TRIP

REF: CANBERRA 0930

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

1. WE ARE HELPING THE VICE PRESIDENT PLAN A TRIP TO THE PACIFIC AND SOUTHEAST ASIA PROBABLY IN APRIL. ALTHOUGH DATES ARE NOT YET FIRM, IT IS LIKELY HE WOULD VISIT NEW ZEALAND FOR ONE DAY AND AUSTRALIA FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. ASSUMING THIS IS CONVENIENT FOR HOST GOVERNMENTS. HE ALSO PLANS TO VISIT JAKARTA, BANGKOK AND MANILA. WE WILL BE SENDING OUT INSTRUCTIONS SHORTLY ON APPROACHING ANDREW PEACOCK REGARDING THE VISIT.

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2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO QUESTIONS SO FAR FROM THE PRESS HERE REGARDING THE FEBRUARY 6 ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL TIMES. FOR THE TIME BEING THE WHITE HOUSE INTENDS TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ON THE VISIT BY SAYING THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN THINKING OF A TRIP TO THE PACIFIC AREA, BUT THAT WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO BE MORE

PRECISE ABOUT HIS PLANS.

3. I WILL ACCOMPANY THE VICE PRESIDENT ON HIS TRIP
AND AM DELIGHTED AT THE PROSPECT OF SEEING AUSTRALIA.
I AM ALSO DELIGHTED THAT WE WILL, THANKS IN PART TO
YOUR HELP, FINALLY HAVE A SUITABLY HIGH-LEVEL VISITOR
TO THE AREA.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, ANDY YOUNG'S SCHEDULE IS SO TIGHT
AND DISTANCES SO GREAT THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
GET TO AUSTRALIA. WE ARE SUPPORTING CHIP AND CARON
CARTER FOR A VISIT DURING AUSTRALIAN-AMERICA WEEK AND
EXPECT TO HAVE A REPLY SOON. GIVEN THE DEMANDS ON
MY TIME HERE AND THE MONDALE TRIP, I SHALL NOT BE
ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THEM. VANCE

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